

1	2	3	4
7.	Wind Pumps (New)	Nos.	200
8.	Small Aero-Generators	kW	35
9.	Wind Power	MW	4@
10.	Small Hydro Power	MW	30
11.	Biomass based Cogeneration of Power	MW	55
12.	Biomass Combustion based Power	MW	10
13.	Solar Photovoltaic Power	MW	1
14.	Biomass Standalone Gasifiers	MW	6
15.	Urban & Industrial Energy Power	MW	10
16.	Battery Operated Vehicles	Nos.	200
17.	Alcohol operated Vehicles	Nos.	450

*Figures are being firmed-up.

@Excluding Private Sector.

World Bank Projects

643. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has taken up any scheme under the World Bank project to check the leakage of water, illegal connections and tempering of meters by consumers;

(b) if so, the total amount agreed to provide by the World Bank;

(c) the main schemes which are proposed to be undertaken during 1997; and

(d) whether the World Bank has asked the State Government to provide full details of the work so far undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. No such project is under implementation in the rural areas. However, for the three cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad, World Bank is supporting a project at a cost of US\$ 89.9 Million for the purpose.

(d) The project is being studied/reviewed by the World Bank from time to time, in consultation with the State Government implementing agencies.

Recovery of Amount

644. SHRI I.D. SWAMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has directed the Directorate of Estates to issue notices to all VVIPs

regarding the amount waived by the Cabinet Committee for their over stay in Government houses;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) the details of the VVIPs/VIPs against whom the recovery is due and the amount thereof; and

(d) the number of ex-Ministers and ex-Members of Parliament still occupying the Government houses and the amount outstanding against each of them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Hon'ble Supreme Court has directed the Dte. of Estates for issue of notices to VVIPs in 127 cases in which the Cabinet Committee on Accommodation had waived the amount of rent during 1992-95 for their overstay in Government houses. The court in its final judgement dated 23.12.96 has held that the waiver orders as passed, have no sanction of law and while undertaking recovery, the same shall be ignored. The Judgement of the Court is being studied by the Government with a view to explore the possibilities of filing a review petition on this aspects of the judgement.

(c) There are 16 VVIPs/VIPs from whom a sum of Rs. 28.33 lakhs is due for recovery.

(d) There are 10 ex-Ministers and ex-MPs who are still occupying the general pool houses and a sum of Rs. 13.3 lakhs is outstanding against them.

[Translation]

SKO/LDO Distributors in Delhi

645. SHRI N.J. RATHWA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of SKO/LDO dealers in National Capital Territory of Delhi as on date;

(b) the quantity of kerosene oil/light diesel oil allotted to these agencies during the last three years;

(c) whether several complaints have been received recently regarding less allotment by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Modernisation of Power Sector

646. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether private entrepreneurs deterred by uncertainty of cash flows and returns feel shy to enter into the power sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether unless Government improve the power sector, it is difficult to attract both public and private investments in power sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) to (c) The response of the private sector to the private power programme has been encouraging with 128 expressions of interest for setting up generation capacity of 70,549 MW and involving a projected investment of Rs. 2,53,405.29 crores. However, in order to improve the viability of these projects, Government have been taking steps from time to time. These include offering alternative comfort packages in the short term and sector reforms and restructuring in the long run.

Assistance for Civic Amenities

647. SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from Government of Kerala regarding financial assistance to certain municipalities for providing civic amenities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) Provision of civic amenities is the responsibility of the local bodies concerned. These local bodies formulate their schemes in consultation with the State Governments concerned. State Governments on their part render assistance to the local bodies under various schemes and also through borrowing from financial institutions like HUDCO, LIC etc. Government of India plays only a nodal and catalytic role.

However, under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT), against the allocated number of 1 town for coverage during the period 1996-98, the Government of Kerala have submitted the project reports for 4 towns, namely, Pathanamthitta, Muvattupuzha, Ottapalam and Kothamangalam. Town and Country Plannings Organisation (TCPO) has already prepared the Appraisal Report which requires to be considered by the State Level Sanctioning Committee. IDSMT Scheme aims at the improvement of township infrastructure.

Under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP), during 1996-97, detailed project reports of Pudukkad, Peralesserry and Koraty towns have been forwarded by the Kerala Water Authority (KWA). The proposal in respect of Pudukkad had been approved at an estimated project cost of Rs. 137.10 lakhs in August, 1996. During 1996-97, Central Share of Rs. 34 lakhs has so far been released to Government of Kerala under AUWSP. The proposals in respect of the other two towns have been scrutinised and comments forwarded to K.W.A. Further action in this regard will be taken after receipt of reply from K.W.A.

Urban Employment Scheme

648. SHRI T. GOVINDAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government introduced any new scheme for employment of the urban people during the last financial year and the amount spent so far in this direction. State-wise; and

(b) the amount which remained unutilised and the number of people benefitted during 1996?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme (PMIUPEP) was launched in November, 1995 to redress the problems of urban poverty in small towns. Under the self employment component (one of the several components of PMIUPEP) the unemployed and under-employed urban poor are encouraged to set up small enterprises/ventures relating to servicing petty business and manufacturing, to enhance their economic position.

The PMI UPEP is applicable to all urban agglomerations with a population between 50,000 to 1,00,000 in the country plus 72 Hill District towns. The implementation of the programme is done by the States/UTs through the Urban Local Bodies and the community (through community based organisations). An amount of Rs. 105.80 Crores has been released to States/UTs for the year 1995-96. Rs. 21.2228 Crores has been released to six States upto now for 1996-97. According to available reports, out of the total funds. (Central + State share) provided, an amount of Rs. 2622.7057 lakhs for 1995-96 has been utilised and Rs. 17,832.385 lakhs remains to be spent by the State/UT Governments. A statement showing State-wise Expenditure incurred and unspent amount is enclosed. The Programme was launched in November, 1995. It is still largely in a preliminary stage involving conduct of surveys. Preparation of town-wise project reports, etc. In all, five million urban poor are targetted to benefit during the five year period ending 1999-2000.